

Clean Version Incorporating Changes Made

Specification

A₁ [0017] FIG. 3 is an elevational schematic representation of an integrated quick connect tubing assembly 10 according to the present invention. Corrugated tubing 14 may be fabricated in a variety of lengths and diameters in order to facilitate varying major appliance applications including clothes washing machines and dishwashers. Washing machine drain fitting 11 may also be integrated with integrated quick connect tubing assembly 10.

Claims

A₂ 5. (Amended) A quick connect assembly for use in household cleaning appliances, the quick connect assembly comprising:

a quick connect fitting having a quick connect retainer sleeve; and a quick connect retainer integrated into the sleeve,

the quick connect fitting being adapted to be removably attached to a fitting in the household cleaning appliance.

6. (Amended) The quick connect assembly recited in claim 5, wherein the quick connect fitting is fabricated from plastic.